

House Resolution 286

By: Representatives Day of the 163rd, Frazier of the 123rd, Talton of the 145th, Jackson of the 142nd, Collins of the 27th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the emergency medical services professionals of Georgia and recognizing
2 Thursday, February 19, 2009, as "Emergency Medical Services Recognition Day"; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the emergency medical services (EMS) professionals of Georgia respond to
5 almost one million calls for assistance annually, risking their lives on a daily basis to go to
6 the aid of those in need; and

7 WHEREAS, in the State of Georgia, there are over 14,000 emergency medical services
8 personnel that provide the essential lifesaving services associated with out-of-hospital
9 emergency medical care; and

10 WHEREAS, the goals and services of each of these individuals include illness and injury
11 prevention; trauma system development; public information and education; the prompt,
12 efficient, and effective delivery of prehospital emergency medical care; transportation to the
13 most appropriate receiving facility; and other activities related to the health and well-being
14 of the citizens of Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, emergency medical services personnel provide access to quality prehospital
16 emergency care that dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of persons stricken
17 with sudden illness or injury; and

18 WHEREAS, Georgia's emergency medical services system is celebrating its thirty-sixth year
19 of service in 2009; and

20 WHEREAS, Thursday, February 19, 2009, is "Emergency Medical Services Recognition
21 Day" in Georgia, and it is fitting and proper that the emergency medical services
22 professionals of Georgia be recognized for their outstanding and courageous service.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend the emergency medical services professionals of Georgia
25 for their outstanding service to this state and recognize Thursday, February 19, 2009, as
26 "Emergency Medical Services Recognition Day" at the state capitol.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Courtney Terwilliger,
29 Chairman of the Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services, and Billy Watson,
30 Acting Director of the Georgia Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma of the
31 Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health.